

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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REPORT

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

50X1-HUM

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22 June 1951

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. At 9 a.m. on 11 May 1951, nine empty flatcars, on which soldiers were working, were seen on the spur track in the restricted area of Brandenburg-Briest airfield. Jet fighter crates were probably to be shipped on these cars. The spur track terminated in forest sub-area (Jagen) 24 at the road which branched off to the north from National Highway No 1. A building which was fenced-in and guarded by sentries with dogs was seen at this point. [redacted] it was a fuel dump. Four tank 50X1-HUM cars were also parked at this point, whereas three additional tank cars were on the other side of the road, where there was probably another fuel dump. The fuel dumps were not recognizable as such from the outside and therefore [redacted] believed they were underground. 50X1-HUM
2. At 9:30 a.m. on 10 May, a truck with a 6-meter rope towed a jet fighter from the parking site to the firing range in Jagen 15. Another plane was towed there about 30 minutes later. The armament of the jet fighters was adjusted at the firing range. Individual shots and bursts of fire were heard. Firing was also conducted on the other days of observation. The kitchen of Goerden Landesanstalt was enlarged by one third of its former size within six weeks. **
3. On 17 May, 19 jet fighters took off from the field heading east. During the night of 17 May, 47 IL-10 ground attack aircraft coming from Brandenburg-Adado airfield landed at the field. The ground attack aircraft took off again on 18 May at 9:25 a.m. Four formations of eight planes each were seen.
4. Between 19 and 25 May, there was little flying at the field. At 4:15 p.m. on 25 May, 20 jet fighters and two biplanes were parked at the field. **

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Comment. The airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment.

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